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SSgt. Gerald Romar

Romar named non-commissioned officer of year by Jeffrey Pearce, Propulsion directorate

EDWARDS AFB, CALIF. — Staff Sgt. Gerald Romar was recently named the Air Force Research Laboratory's 1998 non-commissioned officer of the year. At the ceremony to recognize Romar, AFRL's commander, Maj. Gen. Richard R. Paul, and Robert D. Gaylor, former chief master sergeant of the Air Force, presented the award.

Romar is an experimental rocket engine technician at the Propulsion directorate's facilities at Edwards AFB, Calif. He was selected as NCO of the year for his numerous contributions to the research efforts at Edwards. He used his extensive technical expertise to prevent critical safety hazards, saved thousands of dollars with innovative solutions to project problems and helped complete numerous projects ahead of schedule.

In one instance, his diagnostic skills enabled him to isolate and shut down a malfunctioning vacuum pump on the lab's unique high-altitude space environmental chamber. This action prevented serious damage to the \$4-million space simulation facility. @